intensification of research on development of commercially viable hybrid technology for achieving higher yield, development of molecular techniques and their application in crop breeding with emphasis on genetic engineering etc.

Fall in soil nutrition in Assam

1706. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there has been an inordinate fall in soil nutrition factors in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action-plan of Government towards controlling the use of urea and banning the use of other pesticides to ensure food safety and nutrition security in the State of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) An increasing trend of depletion of nutrients has been reported in soil in Assam as brought out below:-

Nutrient	Negative balance (in metric tonnes) in 1998-99	Negative balance (in metric tonnes) in 2005-06
N	1,35,257	2,14,763
P2O5	65,876	59,967
K2O	1,67,650	2,35,576

(c) The Government has taken steps to reduce the imbalance in use of chemical fertilizers including urea as well as to reduce use of pesticides in the State of Assam keeping in view the food safety and nutrition security. Emphasis is given on balanced use of chemical fertilizers, Integrated Nutrient Management, organic farming and Integrated Pest Management for control of pests with judicious use of pesticides.

Hike in prices of corn

1707. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether corn prices are rising;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of corn exported to each country during the last three years; and

(d) the role of Andhra Pradesh farmers producing corn in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (Base Year 1993-94 =100) for Corn showed a mixed trend during the period 2007 to 2009 (November 2009). However from December 2008, the WPI for Corn increased continuously up to September, 2009 and thereafter started declining. The statement showing trends in the Monthly WPI of Corn over the last three years is given below:

Monthly WPI for Maize/Corn from 2007

Months	2007	2008	2009
January	240.2	234.3	264.5
February	244.8	237.2	268.4
March	249.3	244.5	269.4
April	248.8	246.0	277.7
May	244.0	246.4	282.2
June	242.6	254.6	287.3
July	240.7	252.5	290.7
August	236.0	252.6	299.9
September	228.8	249.8	300.9
October	228.3	254.4	295.9
November	225.0	258.9	295.2
December	223.4	254.4	—

(c) The details of Corn exported to each country from 2006-07 to 2008-09 is given in Statement (*See* below).

(d) State-wise data on exports are not available.

Statement

Export of Maize (Corn), other than seed from India

(Quantity in mt. value in lakhs)

Country	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Malaysia	46946.13	3460.54	1252302.32	111419.21	1193280.15	114870.78
Korea RP	118.00	18.64	286550.00	26555.25	9143.00	970.76

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Taiwan	5799.00	521.67	259229.52	24096.91	509402.00	52781.70
Vietnam S Rep	11944.00	1006.54	215566.88	19799.22	314888.94	18217.88
Bangladesh	294167.18	21645.58	202034.22	16542.68	93011.24	8589.98
U Arab Emts	25225.90	2106.35	85552.87	7716.37	181486.07	18240.15
Yemen Republic	—	—	83467.09	7389.10	166024.14	15995.75
Sri Lanka	84160.00	6251.57	67535.60	6013.11	51527.00	4954.65
Jordan	—	—	65832.00	5762.99	193034.00	19061.89
Nepal	14350.14	747.85	58831.83	4245.08	12503.66	1124.13
Indonesia	113508.66	8701.64	38211.14	3424.90	39632.05	4384.87
Pakistan	2100.00	197.25	24627.03	2471.89	113246.67	11363.85
Oman	365.00	31.96	19977.14	1803.61	52576.00	5036.91
Singapore	10113.28	799.98	15756.00	1426.63	33730.37	3221.78
Philippines	10030.77	1857.60	4234.90	1009.78	4288.93	1089.04
Cyprus	—	—	7000.00	672.52	—	—
Portugal	—	—	5627.00	628.15	3144.00	342.61
Iraq	2323.00	220.54	7199.96	618.48	6648.00	614.22
Seychelles	4666.20	392.64	6550.98	610.29	2775.00	315.98
Kuwait	5.60	0.38	6205.50	557.24	7087.00	651.78
Saudi Arabia	1.00	0.05	4874.00	496.66	51975.18	5421.59
Qatar	—	—	3342.62	304.38	954.00	103.55
China P RP	350.15	38.51	2256.63	254.33	1362.00	162.59
Japan	—	—	732.98	102.04	58704.01	6368.92
Australia	—	—	1515.70	99.20	18304.70	1840.85
Malta	—	—	735.26	70.48	453.00	44.77
Somalia	—	—	250.00	64.46	—	—
Greece	—	—	642.00	60.59	207.00	19.91
Thailand	3263.08	1044.04	220.00	31.99	1264.49	547.83
Unspecified	—	—	261.04	20.31	1008.00	108.97

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bulgaria	—	—	100.00	14.81	—	—
Uganda	—	—	131.00	12.51	—	—
Eritrea	3535.00	259.66	22.00	9.92	—	—
Spain	—	—	77.00	9.91	270.00	37.44
Brunei	1.00	0.12	114.55	9.27	333.99	46.39
Italy	14.00	1.32	75.00	7.85	—	—
UK	8.10	1.48	55.55	7.42	168.00	22.58
Armenia	—	—	22.00	2.43	—	—
Maldives	—	—	17.59	0.95	11.46	0.75
Kenya	10.00	0.06	3.06	0.31	30279.00	3858.51
Bahrain	—	—	2.80	0.27	22.00	3.82
Colombia	—	—	1.00	0.15	—	—
South Africa	—	—	1.06	0.06	25.00	4.49
Fiji IS	—	—	0.30	0.03	—	—
Iran	—		0.20	0.01	—	—
Denmark	0.40	0.03	—	—	—	—
Congo P REP	226.43	15.16	—	—	—	—
Bhutan	199.91	8.31	—	—	—	—
Sudan	3851.00	547.44	—	—	—	—
Switzerland	100.00	7.62	—	—	—	—
Tanzania REP	20.00	0.71	—	—	—	—
USA	8.40	0.36	—	—	4.00	0.34
DJIBOUTI	—	—	—	—	20266	2382.24
Liechtinstein	—	—	—	—	16800	1625.53
France	—	—	—	—	2200.00	199.26
New Zealand	—	—	—	—	1548.00	192.75
Belgium	—	—	—	—	997.00	174.87
Hongkong	—	—	—	—	1170.84	115.37

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Guinea	—	—	—	—	898.77	104.23
Syria	—	—	—	—	525.00	57.34
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	552.00	55.51
Egypt A RP	—	—	—	—	90.00	43.98
Netherland	—	—	—	—	192.00	39.91
Turkey	—	—	—	—	240.00	23.11
Canada	—	—	—	—	44.42	12.09
Germany	—	—	—	—	27.00	5.81
Mozambique	—	—	—	—	2.00	0.23
Romania	—	—	—	—	0.10	0.01
Ukraine	—	—	—	—	0.13	0.01
TOTAL	637411.33	49885.60	2727715.32	244343.75	3198327.31	305454.26

Source: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

Supply and distribution of fertilizers

†1708. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of manure/fertilizers along with their quantity allocated to States by the Central Government for this year for Rabi crop in the country;

(b) whether States are getting fertilizers being allocated by the Central Government in prescribed time-frame;

(c) if so, the names of the States which got fertilizers, the details of the type of fertilizers and their quantity along with their date of distribution and the States which are yet to be supplied; and

(d) whether there is a shortage of manure/fertilizers in the country this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.